

THIRTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESIDENT, TREASURER, AND LIBRARIAN

OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

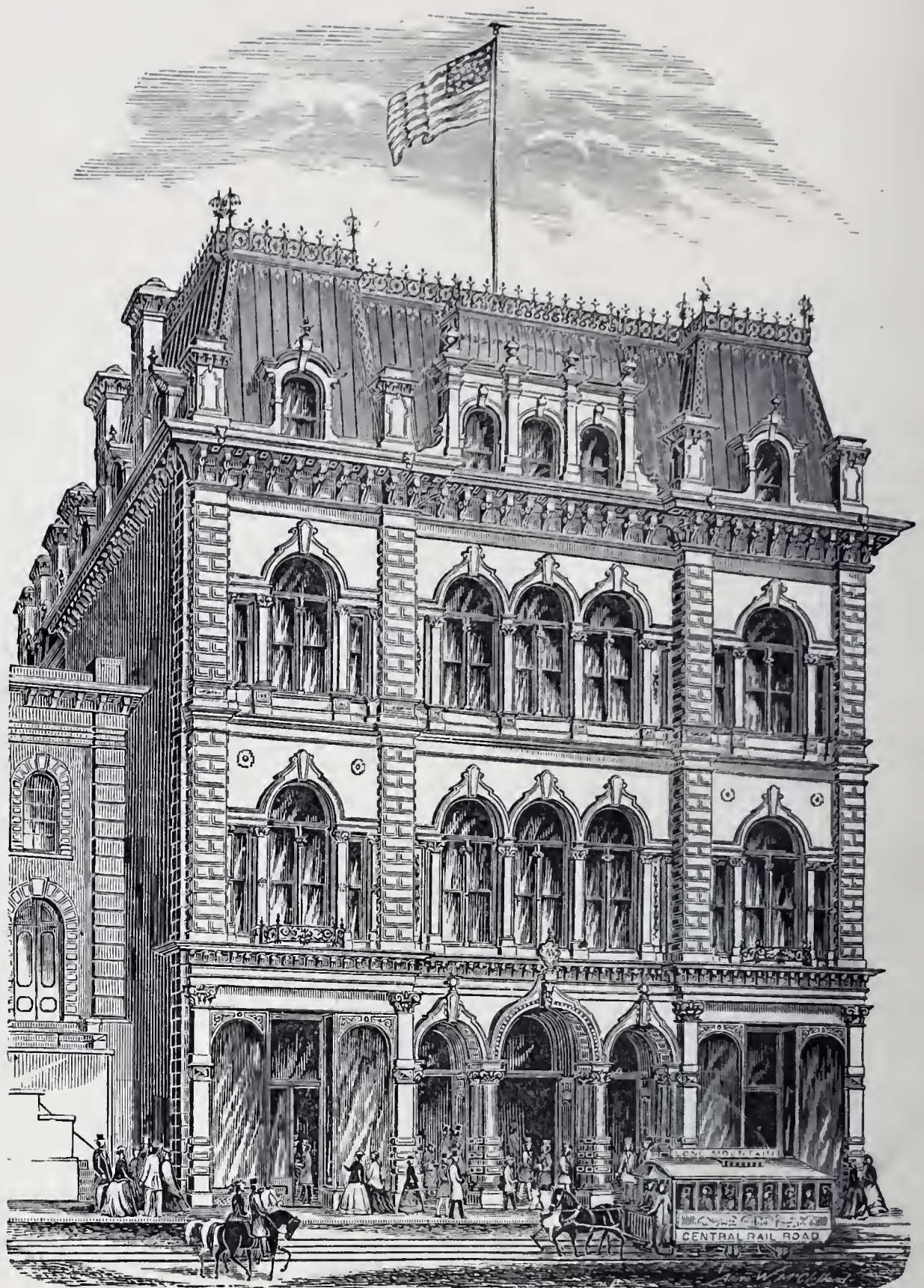
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1884.

WAYS AND MEANS - -	{ M. H. HECHT, JAMES LINFORTH, O. V. WALKER.
PROPERTY - - - -	{ ENOS TAYLOR, S. P. MIDDLETON, F. P. COLE.
BOOKS - - - - -	{ S. B. WIGGIN, F. P. COLE, O. V. WALKER.
ACCOUNTS - - - -	{ J. A. FORD, A. A. WATKINS, JAMES LINFORTH.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

At the expiration of my term of office and in compliance with the requirements of Article VI. of the By-Laws, I desire to give some account of my stewardship, and, in the language of our By-Law, of the doings of the Association during the last year.

Our financial condition, if not flourishing, is, at least, no worse than for several years past. The balance of \$889.37 in the hands of the Treasurer at the beginning of the year has been considerably reduced and now only amounts to \$234.97, but, under all the circumstances and after taking into account the increase of work done during the year in and about the building, and the decrease in the rent received from the Hall, the reduction seems not an unreasonable one. The wise and necessary economy of our predecessors has been maintained, and all expenses kept down to the lowest point consistent with efficiency in the management of our business and with the comfort of our patrons. The total of disbursements for the year has been \$13,274.89, against \$13,284.26 for the preceding year, a decrease of just about ten dollars.

The sum of \$6,616.79 on deposit in the Savings Union still remains intact. The interest earned by this money has been, as always, treated as a portion of the regular receipts of the Association.

The building is in good condition, and under the able management of Mr. Taylor, Chairman of the

Property Committee, has been kept fully rented at figures well up to the average. During the year the walls of the entrance hall and stairway have been whitened and renovated, a work which greatly needed to be done, and the interior appearance of the building has been greatly improved thereby. The monthly rents amount to about \$380, which is about the same as for last year. The rent of the Hall, as I have said, had to be reduced. We had the alternative of taking a lower rent or losing a permanent tenant. We preferred the former, and the Hall still remains occupied by the Ward collection of curiosities. Our rents now constitute a good portion of our income, which at present is only a little more than a thousand dollars a month.

Of the business of the Library proper I am sorry that I cannot make a more encouraging report. The history of the past year has been no exception to that of the several years last preceding. The decline in prosperity so often noted by former presidents, and so deeply deplored, still continues. We have lost some sixty-five members during the year, and our receipts have fallen off from \$14,173.63 (in 1882) to \$12,678.80 (in 1883); about a thousand dollars of this decrease is represented by shrinkage of monthly dues.

The causes of this declining prosperity have been frequently sought for and explained in the reports of former presidents, and especially in a very able manner in the report of my immediate predecessor, Mr. Molineux. But while recognizing these general causes, and while fully convinced of their effect, I cannot but entertain the opinion that one of the principal, if not indeed the principal cause of our decline, lies in our

remoteness from the residence portion of the town. Among our main supporters and patrons, as every one knows, are the wives and daughters of our merchants and business men, and to them our situation seems distant and inaccessible. No one ever comes to us now who, invited by the convenience of the locality to drop in, stays to become interested, and is induced by the attractions of the Library to become a contributor to its support. Those only come who start out on a special errand; and of our lady subscribers many complain of the distance, and would go elsewhere if they could get anything like equal accommodations nearer to their homes. And this leads me directly to the consideration of a subject which has been frequently before the Board of Directors during the last year, and which has been often mentioned in notes of warning by former officers. I refer to the removal of the Library from its present quarters. It seems to me clear that if the Library is to continue and extend its sphere of usefulness, if it is to escape death from inanition, it must place itself in closer proximity to its friends and supporters.

But this change is not so easy to effect as one might suppose at first blush, as those who have tried it very well know. The only plan suggested, so far as I know, until this year, was to sell our present building, buy an eligible piece of ground elsewhere and put up a building ourselves suitable for our purposes. But this proposition, involving as it would the probable mortgaging of our property, elicited, when laid before the Association, so much opposition, and such a conflict of views among the members, that it was abandoned as impracticable by the Board of Trustees at that

time; and we, profiting by the experience of our predecessors, did not feel encouraged to renew it. But we did consider the following plan, which I submit to the Association and recommend to the favorable consideration of the incoming Board: We would keep our present building, convert it into stores and rent it, and make an arrangement with the owner of some eligibly situated piece of property, who contemplated building, to put up a building, or some portion of it, for us and adapted specially to our purposes. This plan is not impracticable and possesses substantial advantages.

We are informed by persons in the business that the cost of converting our present quarters into two fine stores would not exceed \$12,000, and probably would fall considerably short of that sum. The stores would rent at say \$600 apiece, and an arrangement could be made with the proposed tenants, before beginning work, for them to advance the cost of the change and recoup themselves out of the rents. It would not be difficult to find a person who would be willing to give especial accommodations and to provide suitable quarters for a desirable and permanent tenant such as the Library would be. We had during the year under informal consideration a suggested arrangement of this nature with the owner of the lot on the northwest corner of Stockton and Post streets, and if the plan could have been carried out we would have had far more spacious and commodious quarters than we have now in our own building. The lot is a 50-vara, on a corner, and our idea was to take the whole of the first floor (above the ground floor), with an entrance and elevator for our exclusive use, and to have the whole

interior arrangement made to suit our especial requirements. Nothing ever came of this informal discussion but we have little doubt a satisfactory arrangement might be made with the owner of the lot in question, if he ever builds, or a similar arrangement might be made with the Spring Valley Water Company in respect to their lot on the southeast corner of Stockton and Geary streets, on which I am informed they intend to build. I may observe here, parenthetically, that, in my judgment, neither of the lots that I have mentioned is the most eligible that could be found for our purposes; and I would recommend the Library in the selection of a site to confine itself within the area bounded by Ellis street on the north, Powell or Mason on the east, Market on the south, and Taylor street on the west.

The important question of rent would of course remain to be determined; but it is safe to say that it would not, in any event, amount to nearly as much as the rents from our building, and the difference would probably exceed our present rents and go a long way towards paying most of our fixed charges, such as salaries, gas, water, insurance and the like. The advantages of this plan are obvious. It would relieve the Library of the necessity of making financial arrangements, which are always attended with considerable difficulty, and fraught with much danger to an association like ours. It would create what would be in the nature of an endowment for the Library and give it a permanent income from well invested money. And, above all, it would secure for it just such quarters as it desired to have without requiring the outlay of more than a small sum of money.

Before closing my report, and if I thought it would reach the body of our citizens, I would like to make some sort of an appeal in behalf of our noble institution. I say noble advisedly, for the mission performed in a new community like that in which we dwell, by an institution like our Library is of incalculable benefit. In new countries the harder and sterner sides of man's nature are apt to be unduly developed at the expense of the more humane and ennobling qualities, and whatever tends to counteract this result is deserving of the moral support of a discriminating public opinion, and of the material aid of intelligent citizens. And it would be sad indeed if, in an enlightened and energetic community like this, an institution with the civilizing, elevating and refining influences of our Library should be allowed to perish for lack of support.

I welcome our successors to the performance of the duties they have undertaken, and I hope they may bring as earnest a desire, and that they may have a larger measure of success than ourselves in the work of renewing the early prosperity of the Association.

I now declare the newly elected Board of Trustees duly installed, and have the honor to present to you President WILDES.

GEO. T. MARYE, JR.,
President.

JANUARY 24, 1884.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 24, 1884.

Receipts.	Disbursements.
Quarterly Dues Account.....	Book Account.....
Rent Account—Stores.....	Newspaper Account.....
Hall.....	Bookbinding Account.....
Attic.....	Printing Account.....
	Advertising Account.....
	Stationery Account.....
Book Account—Lost and paid for, and sold.....	Salary Account.....
Catalogue Account.....	Gas Account.....
Interest Account—Dividends from San Francisco	Fuel Account.....
Savings Union.....	Improvement Account.....
Life Membership Account.....	Taxes, City and County, 1883-4.....
Total Receipts.....	Insurance Account.....
Balance on hand January 18, 1883—	Water Account.....
On deposit in Bank of California. . \$ 889 37	Sundries Account.....
On deposit in S. F. Savings Union... 6,616 79	Librarian's Disbursements ...
7,506 16	Total Disbursements.....
	Balance on hand January 24, 1884—
	On deposit in Bank of California....\$ 234 97
	On deposit in S. F. Savings Union... 6,616 79
	6,851 76
	\$20,129 96

T. B. KENT, *Treasurer.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the President, Board of Trustees, and Members :

In obedience to your By-Laws, I have the honor to present herewith the Report of my charge as custodian of the Library for the fiscal year ending to-night. It will form a part of the 31st Annual Report of the Association, and will deal, principally, with statistics and detail. Conclusions and moral I will leave to be drawn by others.

It would be a pleasure to report an increase of membership, and a consequently renewed general activity ; but the contrary is true, as too readily appears from the figures and tables I have to offer. I have to report a membership less than that of one year ago—a proportionately smaller income, and, resulting therefrom, a slight decrease in all the functions pertaining to the Library.

The total number of persons who became members of the Association, the past year, was 132, one of whom joined as a Life Member. The total present membership stands as follows :

Subscribing Members.....	637
Life Members.....	281
Life and Honorary Members.....	17
Honorary Members.....	69
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	1,004

This represents a net loss of 65 paying members since our last report.

BOOKS.

In regard to the purchase of new books, during the past year, it can merely be remarked that investments have been made only to the extent warranted by the limited funds at our disposal. This has kept us supplied *moderately* with the English-written publications of the time. It has neither allowed us to fill deficiencies, nor has every new work been procured, which we would deem necessary and desirable.

The total accessions to our book collection for the year amount to 1,386 volumes, as against 1,159 for 1882. The number of volumes acquired by purchase in the two years varies but by a few, the excess in the total of the past year occurring by reason of a lot of some 400 volumes of public documents, obtained through the courtesy of the Government, to aid in filling some of our deficient sets. The amount of money expended for books exceeds, a trifle, that of the previous year, which excess was applied, principally, in the payment of accumulated subscriptions to English Serials.

In addition to the number stated above, however, there have been purchased 238 numbers of the Franklin Square Library, which, in paper covers, have been extensively used in circulation, and have, for a time, well supplied the place of very much more costly editions. The *bound* work, in convenient form, however, is found to be almost universally preferred by our readers when it can be obtained, and, as these light issues retain a presentable appearance for a brief time only, they have not been counted on our accession list. One copy of each is however reserved, and these, as they accumulate, arranged in volumes of a half dozen each, are eventually bound in permanent form and rated as books.

The annual increase of our collection, as represented in the general classification, is shown in the following :

TABLE OF ADDITIONS.

Romance.....	326	Religion	22
Juveniles	40	Bibliography	29
Travels	64	Government Reports, etc.....	394
Biography.....	47	Dictionaries, etc... ..	8
Belles-Lettres	33	Directories.....	5
Science	112	Illustrated Works.....	1
History.....	33	By Binding—	
Poetry.....	20	Periodicals..	189
French....	3	Reports.....	31
German.....	1	Newspapers. 14—	234
Miscellaneous.....	14		
Total Additions.....			<u>1,386</u>
Total Number of Volumes reported January 1, 1883.....			51,629
Additions—			
By Purchase.....	712		
By Donation.....	440		
By Binding—			
Periodicals.....	189		
Reports	31		
Newspapers.....	14—	234	<u>1,386</u>
Deduct—			53,015
Condemned Novels given to California			
Prison Commission.....	196		
Sold, lost and paid for.....	18		
Unaccounted for.....	50—		<u>264</u>
Present number of Volumes in Library.....			52,751

CIRCULATION.

The issue of books for home use, for the year, appears in the similarly classified table subjoined :

TABLE OF CIRCULATION.

	Vol.	Per Cent.
Romance.....	22,972	64.36
Juveniles.....	1,910	5.30
Travels.....	1,670	4.55
Biography.....	1,612	4.40
Belles-Lettres.....	729	2.03
Science	1,828	5.10
History	1,445	4.03
Poetry	851	2.36
Spanish	29	.08
French.....	1,174	3.27
German	400	1.11
Religion.....	257	.71
Italian.....	4	
Miscellaneous.....	905	2.70
Total.....	<u>35,786</u>	<u>100</u>

The circulation is about 3,000 less than that of the previous year. Aside from natural reasons for this, which have been adduced in previous reports, and which are, perhaps, still as applicable now as ever, it may be added that the meagre supply of popular works, with which the existing demand has to be met, has, doubtless, some weight in keeping the figures so low.

The experiment of mailing to our members monthly lists of the new books received, printed on postal cards, which has been in operation some eight months, has shown an undoubtedly increased demand for all late works—but it has also shown, much to our discomfiture, the poverty of our stock to meet this demand, for it is the exception to find a single work called for on the card at hand to deliver at the time. However, they serve a useful purpose, and, if preserved, will be found a great convenience for some future reference.

BINDING.

The bills for binding have been kept within the lowest consistent limit throughout the whole year—the entire number of volumes bound and re-bound, for this period, being but 568, nearly 300 less than in 1882, which was considered a closely economical year. This work has been done at a cost of \$491.45, an average of 86 cents per volume, certainly a low figure, considering that the major part were covered in half morocco or calf, and, of these, no small number were large, and works of an expensive class. While, working under a strictly economical policy, it is desirable and even *necessary* to restrict the amount of material for the binder to, we may say, the lowest possible limit, such a step is, in truth, but temporizing, as some future appropriations will have to make good the inattention of to-day.

Our newspaper list, with a few unimportant exceptions, has been continued as heretofore. The reasonableness of the rates at which they are being supplied has induced us to renew the subscriptions through the same agents, Messrs. A. H. Roffe & Co., Boston, thus enabling us to maintain our list in its extent at a greatly reduced outlay.

The usual list of gifts, and acknowledgments for the same, is given in tabular form, in the Appendix.

It only remains for me to note, in conclusion, that during the year the Chess Room, hallways, and Library Room, have been cleaned and whitened, the books in all the rooms, with shelves, have all been removed, and thoroughly dusted and cleaned, and the appearance and condition of the building and rooms, in general, have been cared for with very little unusual expenditure.

The experiment of keeping the Chess and Reading Rooms open until 10 P. M. instead of 9 P. M. has been on trial for the past five months. From constant observation it is evident that scarcely any use is made of these rooms after 9½ P. M. By adopting this as the closing hour, I conjecture no one would be inconvenienced, while something would be saved, in lights, by the Association.

ALFRED E. WHITAKER,

Librarian.

JANUARY 24, 1884.

PERIODICALS, MAGAZINES AND SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS ON FILE.

PERIODICALS.

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| <p>Academy,
American Agriculturist,
American Architect and Building
News,
American Bookseller,
American, European and Oriental
Record (Trübner's),
American Institute of Mining Engi-
neers, Transactions,
American Journal of Sciences. See
Silliman's Journal,
Analyst, The
Annales des Mines,
Annals and Magazine of Natural His-
tory,
Antiquary (Lond.),
Architect (Lond.),
Archives of Medicine and Surgery,
Art Journal,
Arundel Society Publications,
Athenæum,
Atlantic Monthly (2 copies),
Bankers' (American) Magazine,
Bankers' (English) Magazine,
Bibliotheca Sacra,
Blackwood's Magazine,
Bookseller (Lond.),
Boston Athenæum Bulletin,
Boston Journal of Chemistry,
Boston Pub. Lib. Bulletin,
Braithwaite's Retrospect of Practical
Medicine and Surgery,
British Association for Promotion of
Science, Reports,
British Quarterly Review,
Brooklyn Library Bulletin,
Builder,
Catholic World,
Century Magazine,
Chamber's Journal,
Chaucer Society Publications,
Chemical News,
Chemical Society Journal,
China Review,
Cincinnati Pub. Lib. Bulletin,
Cleveland (O.) Pub. School Lib. Bul.,
Commercial and Financial Chronicle,</p> | <p>Comptes Rendus,
Contemporary Review,
Continent, The
Critic and Literary News,
Demorest's Magazine and Mirror of
Fashions,
Deutsche Rundschau,
Dingler's Polytechnisches Journal,
Eclectic Magazine,
Edinburgh Review,
Essex Institute Bulletin,
*European Mail,
Folio,
Fortnightly Review,
Franklin Institute Journal,
Frazer's Magazine,
Gartenlaube Die,
Gentleman's Magazine,
Geological Magazine,
Geological Society (London) Publica-
tions,
Godey's Lady's Book,
Hakluyt Society Publications,
Hall's Journal of Health,
Harper's Magazine (2 copies),
Hartford Library Bulletin,
Harvard University Library-Bulletin,
International Review,
Iron,
Journal of Speculative Philosophy,
Library Journal,
Linnæan Society Publications,
Lippincott's Magazine,
Literary World,
Littell's Living Age,
Livre, Le
London, Edinburgh and Dublin Re-
view. See Philosophical Mag.
London Lancet,
London Society,
Macmillan's Magazine,
Magazine of American History,
Mathematical Visitor,
Medico-Literary Journal (S. F.),
Milwaukee Pub. Lib. Bulletin,
Nature,
New Englander,</p> |
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PERIODICALS—(CONTINUED).

New Shakspeare Society Publications,	Quarterly Review,
Nineteenth Century,	Revue des Deux Mondes,
North American Review,	Royal Geographical Society Publications,
Notes and Queries,	Rural Californian,
Overland Monthly,	Science Observer,
Pacific Coast School Journal,	Shakespereana,
Pacific Medical and Surgical Journal,	Silliman's Journal,
Peoria (Ill.) Library News,	Social Science Association Publications (Phil.),
Peterson's Magazine,	Statistician (S. F.),
Phil. Acad. Nat. Sciences, Journal,	Temple Bar,
Phil. Acad. Nat. Sciences, Proceedings,	United Service,
Phil. Mer. Lib. Bulletin,	United Service Magazine and Naval Journal,
Philadelphia Photographer,	U. S. Army and Navy Journal,
Philological Soc. (Lond.) Publications	U. S. Naval Institute, Papers, etc.,
Philosophical Magazine,	Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine,
Phrenological Journal,	Westminster Review,
Popular Science Monthly,	Workshop,
Portfolio,	Zoological Society (Lond.) Publications.
Princeton Review,	
Prov. Pub. Lib. Bulletin,	
Pysche,	
Publishers' Weekly,	
Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Sciences (Lond.),	

ILLUSTRATED PAPERS.

Bon Ton, Le	Journal Amusant, Le
Decorator and Furnisher,	Kladderadatsch,
Fliegende Blätter,	Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper (3 copies),
Graphic,	Leslie's Illustrite Zeitung,
Harper's Bazaar,	Monde Illustré, Le
Harper's Weekly (3 copies),	Petit Journal pour rire,
Illustrated London News,	Puck,
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News (London),	Punch,
Illustrite Zeitung,	Über Land und Meer.
Ilustracion Espanola y Americana, La (Madrid),	

FOREIGN PAPERS.

Auckland News,	London Field,
Australasian,	London Mail (Tri-weekly),
Dublin Nation,	London Mining Journal,
* Hawaiian Advertiser,	London News of the World,
Independence Belge,	London Saturday Review,
London Bell's Life,	London Spectator,
London Engineer,	Sydney Mail,
London Engineering,	Toronto Globe.

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ATLANTIC PAPERS.

* American Churchman,
 Baltimore Sun,
 Boston Advertiser,
 Boston Banner of Light,
 Boston Daily Journal,
 * Boston Gazette,
 * Boston Our Dumb Animals,
 Boston Waverly Magazine,
 Boston Woman's Journal,
 Buffalo Express,
 Burlington Hawkeye,
 Chicago Inter-Ocean,
 Chicago Tribune,
 Cincinnati Commercial,
 Denver Tribune,
 Detroit Tribune,
 Dubuque Times,
 Galveston News,
 * Irish World,
 Kennebec Journal,
 Louisville Journal,
 Memphis Appeal,
 Milwaukee Sentinel,
 Mississippi Clarion,
 Missouri Democrat,
 Missouri Republican, (Tri-Weekly),
 * New Bedford Mercury,
 New Orleans Picayune,
 New York Army and Navy Journal,
 New York Clipper,
 New York Country Gentleman,

New York Courier des Etats Unis,
 New York Dispatch,
 New York Forest and Stream,
 New York Herald, (Daily),
 New York Home Journal,
 New York Independent,
 New York Irish-American,
 New York Journal of Com'rce, (Daily)
 New York Ledger,
 New York Nation,
 * New York Nautical Gazette,
 New York Rural New Yorker,
 New York Scientific Amer. (2 copies)
 New York Scientific Amer. (Supl't),
 New York Scottish-American,
 * New York South, The
 New York Staats Zeitung,
 New York Sun, (Daily),
 New York Times, (Daily),
 New York Tribune, (Daily),
 New York Weekly,
 New York Wilkes' Spirit of the Times
 New York World, (Weekly),
 Philadelphia Forney's Press,
 Philadelphia Ledger, (Daily),
 Portland Transcript,
 Rhode Island Journal,
 Richmond Whig,
 Springfield Republican,
 Toledo Blade,
 Washington Capital.

* Donated.

PACIFIC PAPERS DONATED.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Papers.	Place of Pub.	Papers.	Place of Pub.
Alameda Argus.....	Alameda	Political Record.....	San Francisco
Anaheim Gazette.....	Anaheim	Pomona Courier.....	Pomona
Antioch Ledger.....	Antioch	Press and Horticulturist...	Riverside
Argonaut.....	San Francisco	Rcal Estate Circular...	San Francisco
Berkeley Advocate.....	Berkeley	Rescue.....	San Francisco
Bodie Free Press.....	Bodie	Resources of California, San Francisco	
California Democrat...	San Francisco	Rhonerville Herald.....	Rhonerville
California Farmer	San Francisco	Russian River Flag.....	Healdsburg
Chico Chronicle.....	Chico	Sacramento Bee.....	Sacramento
Chico Enterprise.....	Chico	*Sacramento Record-Union.....	Sac
Chico Record.....	Chico	Salinas Index.....	Salinas
Colusa Sun.....	Colusa	San Benito Advance.....	Hollister
Contra Costa Gazette.....	Martinez	San Diego Sun.....	San Diego
Courier.....	Santa Cruz	S. F. Abend Post.....	San Francisco
Courier de San Francisco, San Fran'co		S. F. Alta California...	San Francisco
Dixon Tribune.....	Dixon	S. F. Call.....	San Francisco
Fresno Republican.	Fresno	S. F. Chronicle.....	San Francisco
Grass Valley Union.....	Grass Valley	S. F. City Argus.....	San Francisco
Humboldt Times-Telephone, Humbo't		*S. F. Commercial Herald and Market	
Jewish Progress.....	San Francisco	Review.....	San Francisco
Kern County Californian..	Bakersfield	S. F. Evening Bulletin..	San Francisco
Light for All.....	San Francisco	*S. F. Evening Post...	San Francisco
Livermore Review.....	Livermore	*S. F. Examiner.....	San Francisco
Los Angeles Express....	Los Angeles	S. F. Golden Era....	San Francisco
Los Angeles Herald.....	Los Angeles	S. F. Hebrew.....	San Francisco
Los Angeles Mirror.....	Los Angeles	S. F. Hebrew Observer..	San Francisco
Los Angeles Morn'g News, Los Angeles		S. F. Jour. of Com'ree..	San Francisco
Marysville Daily Appeal..	Marysville	S. F. Merchant.....	San Francisco
Mendocino Beacon.....	Mendocino	S. F. News Letter.....	San Francisco
Mining & Scientific Press, San Fran'co		*S. F. Stock Exchange..	San Francisco
Modesto Strawbuck.....	Modesto	S. F. Stock Report....	San Francisco
Monitor.....	San Francisco	S. F. Union.....	San Francisco
Mountain Democrat.....	Placerville	San José Herald.....	San Jose
Mountain Messenger....	Downieville	San Luis Obispo Tribune. S. L. Obispo	
Napa Reporter.....	Napa	Santa Barbara Indep't..	Santa Barbara
National City Record..	National City	Santa Cruz Local Item...	Santa Cruz
Nevada Transcript.....	Nevada City	Santa Cruz Sentinel.....	Santa Cruz
Oakland Independent.....	Oakland	Semi-Tropic.....	Colton
Ontario Fruit Grower.....	Ontario	Sociedad, La.....	San Francisco
Pacific.....	San Francisco	Sonoma Democrat.....	Santa Rosa
Pacific Coast Postal Index...	San Fran	Southern Californian....	Bakersfield
Pacific Rural Press....	San Francisco	Stanislaus Wheat Grower..	Stanislaus
Petaluma Argus.....	Petaluma	Trinity Journal.....	Weaverville
Petaluma Courier.....	Petaluma	Truth.....	San Francisco
Petit Journal, Le.....	San Francisco	Ventura Signal.....	Ventura
Placer Argus.....	Auburn	Wasp.....	San Francisco
Plumas National.....	Quincy	Watsonville Pajaronian..	Watsonville

* No longer donated.

STATE OF COLORADO.

Papers.	Place of Pub.	Papers.	Place of Pub.
*Denver Tribune.....			Denver

STATE OF NEVADA.

Belmont Courier.....	Belmont	Territorial Enterprise..	Virginia City
Elko Independent.....	Elko	Virginia Chronicle.....	Virginia City
Lyon County News.....	Silver City	Walker Lake Bulletin.....	Esmeralda
Pioche Record.....	Pioche	White Pine News.....	Cherry Creek
Reno Gazette.....	Reno		

STATE OF OREGON.

New Northwest ..	Portland	Oregonian.....	Portland
Oregon State Journal....	Eugene City	Weekly Times.....	Dalles

ARIZONA TERRITORY.

Arizona Citizen.....	Tucson	Gazette	Phoenix
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IDAHO TERRITORY.

Idaho Statesman	Boise City	Wood River Times.....	Hailey
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MONTANA TERRITORY.

Bozeman Courier.....	Bozeman		
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UTAH TERRITORY.

Salt Lake Tribune.....	Salt Lake		
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WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Puget Sound Courier..	Pt. Townsend	Walla Walla Union	Walla Walla
Transcript.....	Olympia	Walla Walla Watchman.	Walla Walla
Walla Walla Statesman.	Walla Walla	Whatcom Reveille.....	Whatcom

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

British Colonist	Victoria	Victoria Weekly Standard ..	Victoria
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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

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Burchard, H. C.	2	Haskell, B. G.	1
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General's office.	1	U. S. Coast and Geodetic			
Newburyport Public Lib...	...	2	..	Survey	1	1	..
Newton Free Library.	1	..	U. S. Engineer Department	4
Odd Fellows Library, S. F.	...	1	..	U. S. Interior Department.	17	3	..
Ohio State Library	11	..	U. S. Land Office.	8
Peabody Institute, Balti-				U. S. Navy Department...	1	3	..
more	2	..	U. S. State Department...	229
Peabody Institute, Danvers	...	2	..	U. S. Treasury Department	5	6	..
Perkins, F. B.	1	..	U. S. War Department....	28	3	..
Philadelphia Public Ledger	...	1	..	University of California	3	..
Phillips, H., Jr.	1	1	..	University of New York..	6	3	..
Piccotte, T. E.	1	University of Pennsylvania	...	1	..
Providence Athenæum	2	..	University of Rochester	1	..
Providence Public Library	...	1	..	University of Vermont	1	..
Quaritch, B.	4	Utica (N. Y.) Pub. Schools	...	1	..
Quincy Memorial Hall	1	..	Victoria Public Library...	...	2	..
Rearden, T. H.	1	Walker Museum	1	..
Rhode Island Historical Soc	...	1	..	Ward, E. A.	1	..
Rochdale Public Library	1	..	White, A. D.	1	..
Rosecrans, W. S.	4	..	Williams, A. B.	1	..
Sacramento Free Pub. Lib.	1	Wilkinson, W.	4	..
St. Ignatius College.	1	..	Winstock & Lubin	1	..
S. F. Board of Freeholders	2	Wisconsin Historical Soc..	1
S. F. Free Public Library.	...	1	..	Woman's Medical College,			
San Francisco News Co ...	1	Penn.	1	..
San Francisco Port Society	...	1	..	Worcester Public Library.	...	1	..
Santa Clara College.	1	..	Wyoming Historical and			
Seymour, F.	1	..	Geological Society	3	..
Simonson, J. H.	1	..	Yale College.	1	..
Smith, E. F.	8	Yost, J. D.	1
Smith, T. B.	1	..	Young Men's Christian As-			
Smithsonian Institution...	6	sociation of the U. S....	1
Somerville Library	1	..				
Southbridge (Mass.)	1	..	Total	440	219	6

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	Year.	Receipts.	Expenditures.
1853.....	\$10,858 50.....	\$10,726 51	1869.....	\$82,148 53.....	\$82,148 35
1854.....	13,387 30.....	11,838 02	1870.....	512,224 18.....	492,935 75
1855.....	9,015 85.....	8,747 96	1871.....	26,674 20.....	41,186 38
1856.....	10,300 00.....	8,989 27	1872.....	26,483 83.....	25,471 29
1857.....	11,777 87.....	12,474 73	1873.....	28,689 40.....	31,038 66
1858.....	12,089 15.....	11,704 09	1874.....	32,897 25.....	33,258 36
1859.....	16,854 82.....	19,045 16	1875.....	26,836 25.....	27,512 83
1860.....	15,604 50.....	16,482 20	1876.....	26,077 15.....	27,542 19
1861.....	15,852 98.....	15,112 22	1877.....	27,177 54.....	26,809 14
1862.....	15,333 26.....	13,506 79	1878.....	23,297 59.....	23,586 89
1863.....	14,601 75.....	14,460 40	1879.....	18,207 55.....	18,002 37
1864.....	17,641 12.....	16,106 39	1880.....	15,873 65.....	16,879 83
1865.....	20,259 00.....	16,469 71	1881.....	15,279 55.....	15,806 66
1866.....	84,132 76.....	74,980 05	1882.....	14,169 40.....	13,284 26
1867.....	121,256 15.....	139,322 01	1883.....	12,623 80.....	13,278 20
1868.....	145,312 31.....	145,312 31			

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES AT COMMENCEMENT OF EACH YEAR.

Year.	No. of Volumes.	Year.	No. of Volumes.
1853.....	1,500	1869.....	25,745
1854.....	2,705	1870.....	28,110
1855.....	3,315	1871.....	30,002
1856.....	3,833	1872.....	30,006
1857.....	6,135	1873.....	33,614
1858.....	8,447	1874.....	36,356
1859.....	10,066	1875.....	39,148
1860.....	11,485	1876.....	41,563
1861.....	13,821	1877.....	44,750
1862.....	14,985	1878.....	46,708
1863.....	15,906	1879.....	48,125
1864.....	16,620	1880.....	49,348
1865.....	18,095	1881.....	50,379
1866.....	19,711	1882.....	51,096
1867.....	21,557	1883.....	51,629
1868.....	24,020	1884.....	52,751

MEMBERSHIP.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH YEAR.

Year.	No. of Members.	Year.	No. of Members.
1854.....	392	1870.....	1,984
1855.....	552	1871.....	2,020
1856.....	550	1872.....	2,062
1857.....	1,250	1873.....	2,048
1858.....	1,176	1874.....	2,038
1859.....	1,319	1875.....	2,041
1860.....	1,817	1876.....	2,135
1861.....	1,694	1877.....	1,958
1862.....	1,725	1878.....	1,812
1863.....	1,786	1879.....	1,656
1864.....	1,435	1880.....	1,498
1865.....	1,650	1881.....	1,341
1866.....	2,198	1882.....	1,179
1867.....	1,708	1883.....	1,059
1868.....	1,818	1884.....	1,004
1869.....	1,870		

OPERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES TAKEN OUT.

Year.	No. of Volumes.	Year.	No. of Volumes.
1854.....	3,371	1869.....	79,189
1855.....	8,367	1870.....	82,564
1856.....	10,466	1871.....	84,710
1857.....	17,528	1872.....	88,916
1858.....	17,321	1873.....	88,751
1859.....	21,903	1874.....	84,763
1860.....	25,757	1875.....	80,084
1861.....	31,955	1876.....	87,579
1862.....	31,464	1877.....	87,590
1863.....	35,702	1878.....	84,987
1864.....	40,130	1879.....	78,811
1865.....	41,737	1880.....	66,391
1866.....	54,389	1881.....	51,732
1867.....	54,492	1882.....	39,066
1868.....	62,237	1883.....	35,786